
Meeting Minutes

RPA-1 Transportation Technical Committee

Monday, September 26th, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Winneshiek County Annex, 201 West Main Street, Decorah

Members in attendance: Joel Fantz, Fayette County Engineer; Nick Rissman (Chair), Howard County Engineer; Jeremy Brill, City of Decorah; Casey Stickfort, Clayton County Engineer; Brian Ridenour, Allamakee County Engineer (remote); Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek County Engineer; Vic Kane, City of Oelwein.

Members Absent: None

Others in attendance: Aaron Detter, UERPC Transportation Planning Administrator; Herb Doudney, City of Oelwein.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Rissman.

2. Approval of the agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bjerke, seconded by Brill, and passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the July 11th, 2022 meeting minutes

A motion to approve the July 11th, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Fantz, seconded by Bjerke, and passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding targets and balances

Bjerke initiated discussion, noting the effect of the increased STBG funding for our region and resulting increased year-on-year balances of STBG, and the changes to the Iowa DOT's "swap" policy that had previously allowed STBG projects to be funded at 100%. He explained that sponsors of previously awarded projects will have to evaluate costs and the newly required 20% match to see if additional funding is needed or desired.

The result of the members' discussions was that they would make these considerations as appropriate through the normal STBG application process and schedule going forward.

5. Floor items

Members discussed the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) federal funding program. Members noted that it will be difficult for small cities and even counties to meet federal requirements on their own.

6. Set next meeting date

Detter noted that the next meetings would likely be in January and that he will coordinate as usual with the Board and committees to schedule.

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7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Brill, seconded by Bjerke, and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Approved

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